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LATEST RESERVES MAY BE INVALID

An Effort to be Made to Have the Courts so Decide.

Many Legal Lights Retained and an Interesting Legal Fight is Expected to be Developed—Till Between the President and Congress.

An organized effort is to be made to have the proclamations of President Roosevelt creating vast forest reservations during the closing hours of the sessions of the last congress declared invalid. Competent and highly paid attorneys have been retained and the legal fight is expected to be one of the most interesting that has developed in many years.

The fight over forest reservations and the alleged land frauds in the west is still fresh in the minds of the general public. Smarting under resentment and the attitude of the president in opposition of their wishes relative to the management of the big reserves, the senate inserted a provision in the agricultural appropriation bill providing that the president should no longer be empowered to create forest reserves without the consent of congress. Six states are named in this prohibition, including Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Colorado. The prohibition is embodied deep into the agricultural appropriation bill, so that the president could not veto it without vetoing the whole measure and thus stripping the agricultural department of every cent of appropriation for a year.

The president felt the action of the congress keenly. He determined however, to go them one better. The bill was not passed until within the last few days of the session. He issued a proclamation which converted into the forest reserves of the country no less than 17,000,000 acres. This was practically every acre of timber land that amounts to anything in the six states which were mentioned in the bill, covering these vast acres of land were issued two days before the president signed the agricultural appropriation bill. If this was so it is now true that no one has ever been able to get hold of the original of the big blanket proclamation nor of the originals of the proclamations which are now being turned out by the public printer covering each of the different reservations. It is hinted strongly that the proclamations were not in fact issued before the president signed the agricultural appropriation bill. If this could be established there is no warrant in law nor authority for the creation of the reserves.

Always in the past in creating forest reserves, the proclamation has set forth distinctly the exact boundaries of the proposed reserves by metes and bounds. In the proclamations now being printed the boundaries are referred to simply "as shown in the accompanying diagram." Then accompanying the proclamations is a diagram.

Although they are not saying much about this feature of the case, there is reason for believing that the same attorneys who have been preparing for the test of the action

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BERRY CROP INJURED.

Large and Interesting Meeting of Fruit Growers Discuss Matters.

The Eugene Register says. A large and enthusiastic meeting of the fruit growers of this district was held at the circuit court room Saturday as the room was so large the county court room had not seats for all of them. The meeting was an informal one, although the president presided with his usual dignity, it was a sort of a good old-fashioned experience meeting where each one spoke as the spirit moved him. From what was brought out it is certain that the strawberry crop has been seriously injured by the cold weather that we have experienced the last week. Most of the growers report not over one half a crop at best. A large percent of the blossoms show black and have been seriously injured by the frosts.

It was the intention of the Horticultural society to buy berry crates and boxes in car lots and thus secure benefit of better prices but on account of the poor prospect for a crop it was decided that it would be impossible to use a carload.

After the berry question had been discussed, the meeting took up the subject of spraying and a report was made by County Inspector Beebe, who said that the visits he had made to outlying districts was very encouraging and in some sections they had done better work than those closer in.

The subject of the next meeting will be "Cherries" and this will no doubt be very interesting, as it is hard to get away from the subject at each meeting, but the next meeting will be given up entirely to the subject.

The interest in these horticultural meetings is growing rapidly and while it is a very busy time, the fruit growers realize that it is profitable to take a little time off and attend these meetings.

"To Be or Not to Be"

The baseball season is at hand, but Cottage Grove so far does not seem disposed to become celebrated through that channel. All around us we read of the live, rustling towns, having formed or forming a club and each one is going around with a chip on its shoulders labeled the "champion club of Southern Oregon." Cottage Grove could lay claim to this title once upon a time and could do it again, but we appear to be too busy, while whittling fence rails and dry goods boxes, growling about how dull it is since we became dry, to put forth energy enough to get up a club. There are plenty of players here, and good ones too, and we have many enthusiasts, but none seem to entreat enough to take the lead in this matter. A good base ball team gives life to a community as does a brass band and so does an O. N. G. company, it also brings money to the town in various ways which perhaps could not be designated. By all means let us shake off our lethargy, and make the name of Cottage Grove boom from north to south and east and west of the state of Oregon, as a live, go-ahead bustling city for business or anything else.

Wonderful Eczema Cure.

"Our little boy had eczema for five years," writes N. A. Adams, Henrietta, Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other doctors, but no benefit resulted. By chance we read about Electric Bitters bought a bottle and soon noticed improvement. We continued this medicine until several bottles were used, when our boy was completely cured." Best of all blood medicines and body building health tonics. Guaranteed at Benson's Pharmacy. 50c.

SELECTION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

Cottage Grove Public School Directors Hold Meeting.

And Elect Teachers for Next Term—Prof. C. L. Strange and His Assistant W. Harvey Retained, and Also Most of the Present Teachers.

At a meeting of the directors of the Cottage Grove Public schools held last week, the following teachers were elected for the next year.

Prof. C. L. Strange, principal.
Worth Harvey, assistant.
Miss Mary Mundy, High school.
Miss Lula Currie, High school.
Gertrude Palmer, west side 1st and 2nd grades.
Neva Perkins, east side 1st and 2nd grades.
Ella Anderson, west side 3d and 4th grades.
Lura Hetty, east side 3d and 4th grades.

Ella Dickson, west side 4th and 5th grades.
Nora Beebe, east side 4th and 5th grades.

Jessie Wilson, 6th grade.
Mary Buxton, 7th grade.

Miss Vena Powers and Miss Cordelia Grant, whose places are taken by Misses Buxton and Dickson, did not make application. Miss Grant will teach in Ashland and Miss Powers will take a much deserved rest.

The year just closing has been an exceptionally good one for the schools under the efficient principalship of Prof. Strange who has worked hard to bring them up to their present standard. Prof. Harvey, principal of the Eighth grade, is said by the County School Superintendent to be one of the best Eighth grade teachers in the state, and our schools are certainly in good hands for the coming year.

Absent Mindedness.

Two young men, whose names we withhold, one from Eugene and one from Cottage Grove, were of the same mind to attend the dance at Creswell last Saturday evening. They each hired a team in their respective towns and hied them to the ball, where it is presumed they had a good time. When they got ready to return home the livery man at Creswell got out their rigs and snugly tucked the rugs around them and they started towards their homes. After going some miles the young man from Eugene became wise to the fact that either his team had shed their coat while standing in the stable, or had been transformed in some remarkable way, but on close examination came to the conclusion that he was driving away with some one's else rig. He immediately put back to Creswell and learning that the other rig was well on its way to Cottage Grove made all haste to overtake it. This he succeeded in doing just a short distance from town. Explanations followed and the exchange made and each one swore secrecy to each other, but somehow the story leaked out and they have to endure many jokes levied at them. Some say that the drivers attention was so entirely taken up holding their companions from falling out of the buggy that they really did not know whether the buggy was being pulled by a horse or an elephant, and cared less. Under these circumstances the young men are excusable, for most of us have been there ourselves and know how blind we are at such times.

SAWMILLS MAY CLOSE DOWN

Many Rumors Are Floating Around to that Effect.

Millions of Feet of Lumber Waiting to be Removed to Market but Cars Cannot be Secured—Logging Camps Will Probably Follow Suit.

Rumors are plentiful that many of the sawmills in this section are to be shut down in the near future, in consequence of the inability of the railroads to furnish cars for the transportation of the lumber to the markets. If this is done, it will probably be followed in a short time by the shutting down of the logging camps, thus throwing hundreds out of employment, and causing a stagnation in all lines of business. This state of affairs certainly presents a most extraordinary spectacle; one that has never been witnessed before in this or any other country. In the most prosperous times ever known in the history of the country; when work is plentiful and labor scarce, we are threatened in one way to face the result of a panic.

Hard times and panics have heretofore been the result of overproduction and lack of confidence. At this time, however, we are facing just the reverse, the demand is greater than the supply, or is made that way by the inability to get the product from the producer to the consumer. Although we more particularly allude to our lumber industry, the same state of affairs in everything else seems to exist more or less, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The cry for cars is continually being made to the railroad companies which they cannot furnish, because they simply have not got them, if the officials are to be believed.

We are informed that the mill in Cottage Grove alone, could shut down, and yet load ten cars of lumber a day for three weeks, and have a market for every foot. Other mills in the vicinity can do the same according to their capacity. The market everywhere is good and is not confined to the United States.

Unlike the panicky times of '93, however, the laboring man will not feel its effects first, if at all, as the demand for labor in the various branches of industry is far greater than the supply, and they will turn their hands to other lines. The mill owners and the log contractors are the losers, even if they are only compelled to shut down for a short time, and leaving out of the consideration, the fact that while shut down the plant is earning nothing, the crew is scattered and gone, and a new one has to be secured, so that perhaps the mill and camp can be only run at half its capacity for some time.

What will be the ultimate outcome of this car difficulty it is hard to conjecture. Probably the people are as much to blame as the railroads, as cases are not rare where cars have been received and not unloaded for days, or until the agent gets after them with a sharp stick. Then the railroad companies may also be guilty of what they are accused. They may discriminate in some cases, and in many other ways not do as well as they might, but from what has leaked out as coming from officials, and from what can be read in all the leading papers in the country, the great trouble is that they have not got the cars.

SHEEP MUST BE DIPPED.

The Law Passed by Last Legislature Makes it Compulsory.

The law passed by the last legislature with reference to sheep inspection and requiring them to be dipped under the supervision of the board of sheep commissioners is to be strictly enforced this year. There has been more or less scabies among the sheep in Oregon, and the state has lost much money and much credit for lack of legal authority to stamp it out.

Dr. J. Christie, the deputy state sheep inspector for this county will have a large portable tank or dipping tank constructed and will go from place to place over the country dipping sheep. The law makes it obligatory on every sheep grower to have them dipped, and they are required to dip with solutions prepared according to formulas prepared by the general government. The law says:

"The board will refuse to recognize any sheep not dipped under the supervision of the government or state inspector or his deputies and in accordance with the rules and regulations of this board. Mixing of all dip must be supervised by the federal or state sheep inspector or his deputy."

The portable vat will be hauled from place to place for the convenience of owners of sheep. Those who have small bands may drive them to some central place in a locality where a good bunch can be dipped and thus lessen the expense greatly, as the cost is paid by the owners. After the dipping a certificate of health will be issued to the owner of the sheep and the law provides for guaranteeing any band not so dipped. Work will commence just after shearing has been done.

Along the O. & S. E. Railroad.

Although there are many good-natured jokes made at the expense of the Oregon & South Eastern railroad, a trip from one end to the other should convince the most skeptical that the road was not built for a summer jaunt. It is there for business and we would wager that not a joker or anyone else living along its route, would have it abandoned if they could prevent it. The road bed itself is excellent and equal to many and surpasses some of the more pretentious roads in the east. It is well ballasted and is smooth riding. Certainly the passenger cars are not Pullman or reclining chair affairs, but one can make himself very comfortable nevertheless, and they probably have seen the day when they were considered stylish.

The route of the Oregon & South Eastern was built for business. Its principle object to bring out the logs from the timber belts and the finished products of the numerous mills now located along its lines. It probably also is headed for the rich mining country of the Bohemia section, but at present is only about half way from Cottage Grove.

Its course follows the Row river and runs through a number of beautiful and productive ranches for eight or ten miles, after which the valley closes in and the train winds its way through rocks and magnificent timber until it reaches Disston, the present terminus and where a large mill is located. The scenery is really delightful along the route, not so wild and picturesque as through the Siskiyou but well worth taking the trip to see.

We are sorry we chose a wrong day to make the trip, as the train time did not allow us opportunity than more to see the different places as we passed through. We extend our thanks however to Superintendent Protzman and other officials for the courtesy extended us and will certainly time ourselves better the future when we again visit this section.

O. N. G. TO HAVE AN OUTING

Will Probably Be Held From July 3, to 12.

The Camp of Instruction to be Held at the Coast Defense Forts, an Experiment by the War Department Suggested by Ex-Secretary Root.

The camp of instruction of the infantry regiments of the National Guard will be held this year at the coast defense forts. It is the intention to hold this camp between the 1st and 15th of July for a period of ten days. The exact dates will probably be from July 3, to 12, inclusive.

This plan was originally suggested by Secretary Root when he was secretary of war. The object of this camp is to determine whether or not the present deficiency in the number of men for coast defense work can be supplied by the organization of coast artillery companies in the various states of the Union, which organizations, during the time other than when they are stationed in the forts for instruction, will be maintained and used as infantry organizations. The work this year will be in the nature of an experiment of the war department to determine, if possible, the feasibility of the plan. The order from the war department covering this tour of duty prescribes that officers of the militia shall be assigned to duty with officers of like grade in the coast artillery organizations.

Officers Appointed Co. E.

At the drill and business meeting held by Company E Thursday evening Captain Johnson named the following non-commissioned officers:

First Sergeant, Frank P. Snodgrass.
Second Sergeant, Harley H. Petrie.
Third Sergeant, Elmer E. Doolittle.
Fourth Sergeant, Frank Woodruff.

Fifth Sergeant, Andrew Brund.
Quarter Master Sergeant, Wm. H. Ostrander.

First Corporal, Natty H. Martin.
Second Corporal, Lester G. Hutchison.

Third Corporal, Albert Richmond.

Fourth Corporal, Albert Zurull.

The office of 5th 6th and 7th Corporal was left vacant for competition.

Musicians, L. P. Sanford and Albert Griffin.

Company Clerk, L. W. Baker.

Artificer, Jacob Fladager.

The company will meet for drill every Tuesday night in the Pacific Timber Company's building until the new armory to be built by Lieutenant Lawson is completed.

My Best Friend.

Alexander Benton, who lives on Rural Route 1, Fort Edward, N. Y. says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is my best earthly friend. It cured me of asthma six years ago. It has also performed a wonderful cure of incipient consumption for my son's wife. The first bottle ended the terrible cough, and this accomplished, the other symptoms left one by one, until she was perfectly well. Dr. King's New Discovery's power over coughs and colds is simply marvelous." No other remedy has ever equaled it. Fully guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy. 50c and \$1. Trial

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